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In re application of : Shoji KARASAWA et al.

Serial No. : 09/664,323

Group Art Unit : 1745

Filed : September 18, 2000

Examiner : Susy Tsang-Foster

For : ELECTRODE PLATE UNIT FOR RECHARGEABLE BATTERY AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
- X A verified English translation of the Japanese priority document No. 11-267001.
- X No Additional Fee.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of February 26, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 27, 2003 (May 26 being a national holiday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend specification as follows:

Please delete, in its entirety, the paragraph on page 21 beginning line 19.

Page 1, after the title (after line 2) please insert the following: